

notes to financial statements

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Principles of consolidation

The “Consolidated Financial Statements of the United States Government, Prototype 1995” (CFS) were prepared using Federal agencies’ financial data. Agencies submit their pre-closing adjusted trial balances under the Federal Agencies’ Centralized Trial Balance System (FACTS) to the Financial Management Service electronically, via the Government On-Line Accounting Link System (GOALS).

The Consolidated Financial Statements report on the financial activity of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of the Federal Government, and those Government corporations that are part of the Federal Government; the Federal Reserve System and the Government-sponsored enterprises are excluded. The legislative branch provides limited reports voluntarily. The judicial branch does not provide financial reports to Treasury. Therefore, the financial information on the judicial branch presented in the CFS is an estimate based on the “Final Monthly Treasury Statement.”

All significant intragovernmental transactions were eliminated in consolidation.

Basis of accounting

The Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of the Office of the Management and Budget (OMB), and the Comptroller General of the United States, principals of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP), established the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) in October 1990. FASAB recommends accounting standards to the JFMIP principals for approval. Upon approval, they become effective on the date specified in the standards published by OMB and GAO.

In March 1991, the JFMIP principals approved the FASAB’s recommendations governing interim accounting standards used in preparing financial statements for audit. Until a sufficient set of comprehensive “generally accepted accounting principles” have been published by JFMIP principals, the revised guidance recommends a hierarchy of “other comprehensive basis of accounting” to be used for preparing Federal agency financial statements. The hierarchy is as follows:

1. Individual standards agreed to and published by the JFMIP principals.
2. Form and content requirements included in OMB bulletin 93-02, dated October 22, 1992, and subsequent issuance, OMB Bulletin 94-01.

3. Accounting standards contained in an agency accounting policy, procedures manuals and/or related guidance as of March 29, 1991, so long as they are prevalent practices.

4. Accounting principles published by authoritative standard-setting bodies and other sources (1) in the absence of other guidance in the first three parts of this hierarchy, and (2) if the use of such accounting standards improves the meaningfulness of the financial statements.

To date, FASAB has recommended eight accounting standards. However, the majority were not yet effective for fiscal 1995.

Principal financial statements

The principal statements are unaudited and consist of the Statements of Financial Position and Operations, and use the accrual basis of accounting in their presentation. However, revenues levied under the Government’s sovereign power are reported on the cash basis.

Fiscal year

The fiscal year of the U.S. Government ends September 30.

Other monetary assets as of September 30

(In billions of dollars)	1995	1994
Gold (at market value of \$385.00 per troy ounce for 1995 and \$394.85 for 1994)	100.5	103.4
U.S. reserve position in the International Monetary Fund	14.7	12.0
Special drawing rights	11.0	10.0
Nonpurchased foreign currencies . . . . .	.3	.3
Other . . . . .	.2	.5
Total other monetary assets	<u>126.7</u>	<u>126.2</u>

2. Cash

The cash reported in the financial statements represents balances from tax collections, customs duties, other revenues, public debt receipts, foreign currencies, and various other receipts maintained in accounts at the Federal Reserve banks and the U.S. Treasury tax and loan accounts.

3. Other monetary assets

Gold

Gold is valued at market for fiscal 1995 and 1994. The market value represents the price reported for gold on the London fixing, and is based on 261,734,796.787 and 261,806,237.617 fine troy ounces as of September 30, 1995 and 1994, respectively (as reported in Treasury's general ledger). The statutory price of gold is \$42.2222 per troy ounce.

Special drawing rights

The value of special drawing rights is based on a weighted average of exchange rates for the currencies of selected member countries. The value of a special drawing right was \$1.5063 and \$1.467 as of September 30, 1995 and 1994, respectively. For details see the table above.

4. Accounts and loans receivable

Summary of accounts and loans receivable due from the public

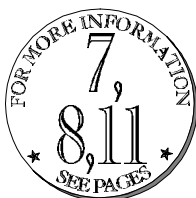
The Federal Government is the Nation's largest source of credit and underwriter of risk. The Debt Collection Act of 1982 (31 U.S.C. 3719) requires agencies to prepare and transmit a report summarizing any outstanding receivables on their books.

Accounts and loans receivable as of September 30

(In billions of dollars)	Accounts receivable		Loans receivable	
	1995	1994	1995	1994
Gross receivables	166.6	144.5	189.6	181.4
Less: Allowances for losses ¹	79.4	67.9	61.6	57.4
Less: Allowance for subsidy ²	-	-	7.2	5.2
Net receivables	<u>87.2</u>	<u>76.6</u>	<u>120.8</u>	<u>118.8</u>

¹ Allowance for losses represents estimated amount of uncollectable receivables.

² Allowance for subsidy represents unamortized credit reform subsidy for direct loans and for defaulted guaranteed loans assumed for collection by the Federal Government.



Agencies are required to submit those reports to the OMB and the Department of the Treasury. The Federal Government uses the data in these reports to improve the quality of its debt collection methods.

In 1990, the Credit Reform Act was enacted to improve the Government's budgeting and management of credit programs. The primary focus of the Act is to provide an accurate measure of the long-term costs of both direct loans and loan guarantees, and to include these costs at the time of loan origination. Most direct loans obligated and loan guarantees committed after September 30, 1991, are reported on present value basis.

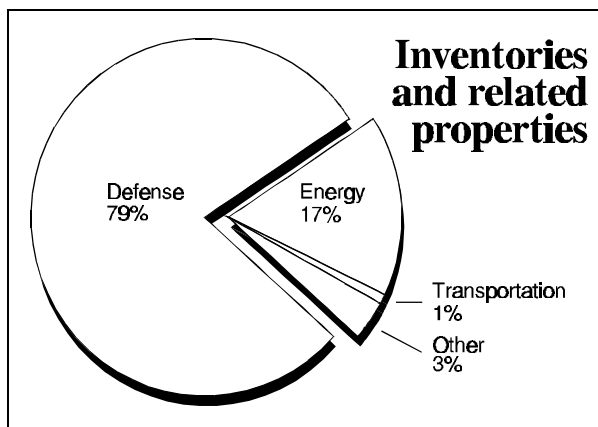
5. Inventories and related properties

Inventories and related properties consist of several categories. Inventory held for sale is tangible personal property that is either (a) being held for sale, (b) in the process of production for sale, or (c) to be consumed in the production of goods for sale or in the provision of services for a fee. Operating materials and supplies are tangible personal property to be consumed in normal operation. Stockpiled materials are strategic and critical materials held due to statutory requirements or for use in national defense, conservation, or national emergencies. Other includes forfeited property, foreclosed property, commodities and other. For amounts see the table at right.

Agencies use a wide variety of methods to value inventories (e.g. first-in-first-out, last-in-first-out, latest acquisition cost, and weighted or moving averages). The Department of Defense uses the latest acquisition method to value its inventories. The Department of Energy uses the lower of cost or market to value its inventories.

6. Property, plant, and equipment

Property, plant, and equipment includes land, buildings, structures and facilities, ships and service craft, industrial equipment in plant, and construction-in-progress. It also includes automated data processing soft-



Inventories and related properties as of September 30

(In billions of dollars)	1995 ¹	1994 ²
Inventories held for sale.	60.3	17.9
Operating supplies.	57.0	90.9
Stockpiled materials.	136.5	92.7
Other	<u>5.3</u>	<u>21.4</u>
Total inventories	<u>259.1</u>	<u>222.9</u>

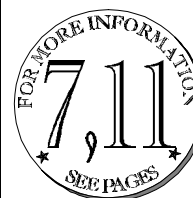
¹ Some of the differences between inventory items from 1994 to 1995 are due to Defense reclassifying inventories and recognizing previously unreported inventory items.

² Amounts are restated due to Defense audit adjustments.

ware, assets under capital lease, and other fixed assets that have been capitalized.

Land purchased by the Federal Government is valued at historical cost. The land acquired through donation, exchange, bequest, forfeiture, or judicial process is estimated at amounts the Government would have paid if purchased at the date of acquisition. No value has been assigned to the Outer Continental Shelf and other offshore lands. More than 651 million acres of public domain land have been assigned a minimal value of \$1 per acre, and are included in the total land amount.

The accumulated depreciation reported by agencies in 1995 and 1994 was \$76.5 billion and \$66.8 billion, respectively. Most agencies use the straight-line method. Treasury estimates the depreciation for those agencies that do not report, using the straight-line method applied to the total of reported depreciable assets.



Property, plant, and equipment as of September 30

(In billions of dollars)	1995	1994 ¹
Military equipment	² 566.8	475.1
Buildings, structures, facilities, and lease-hold improvements	253.0	267.4
Construction in process	85.7	99.8
Equipment, other	115.0	102.5
Land	23.0	23.2
Other	<u>12.2</u>	<u>157.8</u>
Subtotal	1,055.7	1,125.8
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>552.3</u>	<u>549.6</u>
Total property, plant, and equipment	<u>503.4</u>	<u>576.2</u>

¹ Amounts are restated due to Defense audit adjustments.

² Some of the differences from 1994 to 1995 are due to Defense reclassifying items such as aircraft and missiles from "other" in fiscal 1994 to military equipment for fiscal 1995.

The useful lives for each classification of assets are as follows:

- Buildings 50 yrs.
- Structures and facilities 21 yrs.
- Ships and service craft 13 yrs.
- Industrial equipment in plant 13 yrs.
- All other assets 13 yrs.

The largest ownership of Federal property, plant, and equipment, except for land, remains within the domain of the Department of Defense, whose major equipment items and weapons systems are valued at acquisition cost.

When the acquisition cost cannot be determined, the estimated fair market value of such equipment and the costs of obtaining the equipment in the form and place to be put into use are recorded. Real and personal property are also recorded at acquisition cost. For more information see the table above.

7. Other assets

Other assets includes receivables and other assets from banking assistance and failures, deferred retirement costs from the Postal Service, and investments held by the agencies and other miscellaneous assets. Other assets are summarized by agency in the table below.

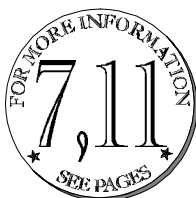
Other assets as of September 30

(In billions of dollars)	1995	1994
Funds Appropriated to the President ¹	54.9	70.6
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ²	5.9	9.9
Resolution Trust Corporation ³	13.6	28.5
U.S. Postal Service	28.9	27.2
Other	<u>6.1</u>	<u>14.9</u>
Total	<u>109.4</u>	<u>151.1</u>

¹ Amount reported for International Monetary Program was analyzed for the first time in fiscal 1995 and as a result, the U.S. currency and dollar deposits were found to be over valued in the prior year. Includes Executive Office of the President.

² Decrease was due to \$4.2 billion write-off of advances to financial institutions.

³ Decrease was due to reduction in net advances and net subrogated claims.



8. Unearned revenue

Unearned revenue represents an obligation to provide goods or services for which payment has already been received. Examples of unearned revenue include unearned rent, unearned subscriptions, and advances from customers. Unearned revenue is summarized by agency at right.

Unearned revenue as of September 30

(In billions of dollars)	1995	1994
Funds Appropriated to the President *	14.3	14.2
Department of the Interior	3.5	3.5
Housing and Urban Development	6.8	7.0
U.S. Postal Service	3.1	2.8
Other	6.1	8.5
Total	<u>33.8</u>	<u>36.0</u>

* Includes Executive Office of the President.

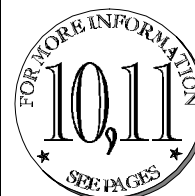
9. Federal debt held by the public

Total Federal debt held by the public amounted to \$3,603.3 billion and \$3,432.3 billion at the end of fiscal 1995 and 1994, respectively. The three debt tables on pages 17-19

reflect information on borrowing to finance Government operations. These tables support the Statement of Financial Position caption, "Federal debt held by the public," and are shown net of intragovernmental holdings and unamortized premium or discount. Intragovernmental holdings represent that portion of the total Federal debt held as investments by Federal entities, including major trust funds.

Federal debt held by the public as of September 30

	1995		1994	
	Average interest rate (percent)	Total debt (in billions of dollars)	Average interest rate (percent)	Total debt (in billions of dollars)
Public debt				
Marketable	6.869	3,260.5	6.507	3,091.6
Nonmarketable	7.500	1,690.2	7.667	1,598.0
Non-interest-bearing debt		<u>23.3</u>		<u>3.2</u>
Total public debt outstanding		4,974.0		4,692.8
Plus premium on public debt securities		1.2		1.3
Less discount on public debt securities		<u>81.2</u>		<u>78.6</u>
Total public debt securities		<u>4,894.0</u>		<u>4,615.5</u>
Agency debt				
Tennessee Valley Authority		24.8		26.1
Farm Credit System Financial Assistance Corporation		1.3		1.3
Housing and Urban Development . . . .		.1		.1
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation				
FSLIC resolution fund . . . . .		.2		.2
National Archives and Records Administration . . . . .		.3		.3
Architect of the Capitol		<u>.2</u>		<u>.2</u>
Total agency securities		<u>26.9</u>		<u>28.2</u>
Total Federal securities		4,920.9		4,643.7
Less Federal securities held as investments by Government accounts		<u>1,317.6</u>		<u>1,211.4</u>
Total Federal debt held by the public		<u>3,603.3</u>		<u>3,432.3</u>



Summary of Federal Debt Outstanding Part I

Total Debt Outstanding as of September 30

	1995		1994	
	Average interest rate (percent)	Total debt	Average interest rate (percent)	Total debt
(In billions of dollars)				
Marketable				
Bills	5.897	742.5	4.735	697.3
Notes	6.610	1,980.4	6.388	1,867.5
Bonds	9.134	522.6	9.229	511.8
Federal Financing Bank	8.917	¹ 15.0	8.917	15.0
Total marketable	<u>6.869</u>	<u>3,260.5</u>	<u>6.507</u>	<u>3,091.6</u>
Nonmarketable				
Foreign series	7.696	40.9	7.363	42.0
Government account series	7.693	1,324.3	7.895	1,211.7
State and local government series	5.000	113.4	7.011	137.4
U.S. savings bonds	6.763	181.2	6.597	176.4
Other	<u>6.570</u>	<u>30.4</u>	<u>7.927</u>	<u>30.5</u>
Total nonmarketable	<u>6.210</u>	<u>1,690.2</u>	<u>7.667</u>	<u>1,598.0</u>
Total interest-bearing debt	<u>6.517</u>	<u>4,950.7</u>	<u>6.897</u>	<u>4,689.6</u>
Non-interest-bearing debt		² 23.3		3.2
Total public debt outstanding		4,974.0		4,692.8
Plus premium on public debt securities ..		1.2		1.3
Less discount on public debt securities ..		<u>81.2</u>		<u>78.6</u>
Total public debt (Treasury securities) ..		4,894.0		4,615.5
Agency securities		<u>26.9</u>		<u>28.2</u>
Total Federal securities		4,920.9		4,643.7
Less Federal securities held as investments by Government accounts ..		<u>1,317.6</u>		<u>1,211.4</u>
Total Federal debt held by the public ..		<u>3,603.3</u>		<u>3,432.3</u>



¹ These marketable securities were issued to the Civil Service Retirement Fund and are not currently traded in the market.

² Includes matured debt of \$22.0 billion and other various non-interest-bearing debt of \$1.3 billion.

Types of marketable securities

Bills—Short-term obligations issued with a term of 1 year or less.

Notes—Medium-term obligations issued with a term of at least 1 year, but not more than 10 years.

Bonds—Long-term obligations of more than 10 years.

Summary of Federal Debt Outstanding Part II

Intragovernmental Holdings—Federal Securities

Held as Investments by Government Accounts as of September 30

(In billions of dollars)

Intragovernmental holdings	1995			1994		
	Federal Funds ¹	Trust Funds ²	Total	Federal Funds	Trust Funds	Total
Legislative branch . . . . .	.4	.1	.5	.5	-	.5
Judicial branch	-	.3	.3	-	.2	.2
Executive branch						
Funds appropriated to the President . . .	2.1	-	2.1	1.9	-	1.9
Departments						
Agriculture	-	.3	.3	-	.3	.3
Defense	-	³ 115.2	115.2	-	107.6	107.6
Energy	5.0	-	5.0	4.5	-	4.5
Health and Human Services	-	⁴ 144.4	144.4	-	151.1	151.1
Housing and Urban Development	11.1	-	11.1	9.7	-	9.7
Interior	3.4	.3	3.7	2.7	.2	2.9
Justice . . . . .	.5	-	.5	.1	-	.1
Labor	5.8	⁵ 47.2	53.0	5.3	39.8	45.1
Social Security Administration	-	483.2	483.2	-	419.5	419.5
State	-	7.8	7.8	-	7.2	7.2
Transportation . . . . .	.5	⁶ 31.6	32.1	1.0	31.6	32.6
Treasury	3.1	.2	3.3	7.5	.3	7.8
Veterans Affairs	-	13.6	13.6	.6	13.5	14.1
Independent agencies						
Environmental Protection Agency	-	7.3	7.3	-	6.2	6.2
Export-Import Bank . . . . .	.1	-	.1	.1	-	.1
Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation	1.4	.2	1.6	1.0	-	1.0
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	25.2	-	25.2	18.1	-	18.1
Federal Emergency Management Agency	-	-	-	.2	-	.2
National Credit Union Administration . .	3.3	-	3.3	3.0	-	3.0
Office of Personnel Management	-	⁷ 389.9	389.9	-	361.4	361.4
Railroad Retirement Board	-	14.4	14.4	-	12.2	12.2
Tennessee Valley Authority	1.2	-	1.2	4.0	-	4.0
U.S. Postal Service	1.3	-	1.3	1.3	-	1.3
Various scholarship funds	-	.4	.4	-	.3	.3
Subtotal	<u>64.4</u>	<u>1,256.4</u>	<u>1,320.8</u>	<u>61.5</u>	<u>1,151.4</u>	<u>1,212.9</u>
Less discount on Federal securities held as investments by Government accounts	3.2	-	3.2	1.5	-	1.5
Total	<u>61.2</u>	<u>1,256.4</u>	<u>1,317.6</u>	<u>60.0</u>	<u>1,151.4</u>	<u>1,211.4</u>

¹ Federal funds are monies held by Government accounts that are not trust funds.

² Trust funds are monies held by the Government in accounts established by law or by trust agreement for specific purposes and designated by law as being trust funds.

³ Includes military retirement fund of \$112.9 billion.

⁴ Includes medicare trust funds of \$143.4 billion.

⁵ Unemployment Trust Fund.

⁶ Includes Highway Trust Fund of \$18.5 billion and Airport and Airway Trust Fund of \$11.1 billion.

⁷ Includes civil service retirement and disability fund of \$366.1 billion and employee life insurance fund of \$15.8 billion.



10. Pensions and other actuarial liabilities

The Federal Government administers more than 40 pension plans. The largest are administered by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) for civilian employees and by Department of Defense (DOD) for military personnel. The majority of the pension plans are defined benefit plans.

The accounting for accrued pension, retirement, disability plans, and annuities is subject to several different assumptions, definitions, and methods of calculation. Each of the major plans is summarized in the table at the bottom of the page, and the actuarial liability is included on the Statement of Financial Position.

Civilian employees and military personnel

Pension expense for the various Federal pension plans is calculated for budgetary purposes by a variety of methods. For financial reporting purposes, Federal pension plans report their accumulated benefit obligation (ABO) pursuant to directions under the provisions of Public Law Number 95-595. The ABO is calculated with the "unit credit" actuarial cost method. The ABO is recognized as a liability in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. An expense is recognized equal to the annual change in the ABO. Most Federal pension plans are funded with obligations issued by the Treasury pursuant to the actuarial method and funding requirements specified by the governing law. These plan assets (Treasury bonds or other debt), being ob-

ligations of the United States, were eliminated from the consolidated statements.

Civilian

The Federal Government has both defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans.

■ Defined benefit

The principal plan is administered by OPM and covers approximately 90 percent of all Federal civilian employees. It includes two components of defined benefits: the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employee's Retirement System (FERS). The basic benefit components of the CSRS and the FERS are financed and operated through the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (CSRDF), and all disbursements for both are made from the CSRDF. Most employees covered by CSRS contribute 7.0 percent of their basic pay, an amount fixed by statute. The FERS employees contribution is 0.8 percent in fiscal 1995. The valuation of the Retirement Program has been prepared by OPM in accordance with Financial Accounting Standard (FAS) 35.

■ Defined contribution

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board is a Federal agency that operates the Thrift Savings Plan. The fund's assets are owned by Federal employees and retirees, who have individual accounts. For this reason, the fund is excluded from the CFS and the fund's

Pensions and other actuarial liabilities as of September 30¹

(In billions of dollars)	Actuarial liabilities		Plan assets		Unfunded liabilities	
	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994
Civilian retirement-OPM . . .	722.4	² 694.8	344.3	344.3	378.1	350.5
Military retirement-Defense	547.7	529.1	148.6	131.8	399.1	397.3
Veterans' compensation and benefits	266.6	213.8	-	-	266.6	213.8
Compensation programs . .	20.3	20.6	-	-	20.3	20.6
Other pension programs . .	30.8	27.9	16.2	14.9	14.6	13.0
Other benefits	40.4	40.0	35.9	32.0	4.5	8.0
Total	<u>1,628.2</u>	<u>1,526.2</u>	<u>545.0</u>	<u>523.0</u>	<u>1,083.2</u>	<u>1,003.2</u>

¹ Does not include actuarial liability for future costs of post-retirement health benefits.

² OPM's accumulated benefit obligation is presented as of the beginning of the year, under FAS 35. To make the unfunded liabilities more meaningful, plan assets are also presented at the same valuation date.

Note.--For Social Security, see note 14.



Veterans' compensation and benefits as of September 30

(In billions of dollars)	1995	1994
Compensation		
Veterans	169.3	137.4
Survivors	59.7	45.2
Total compensation	<u>229.0</u>	<u>182.6</u>
Pension and burial benefits		
Veterans	23.7	19.8
Survivors	10.3	8.8
Burial	3.6	2.6
Total pension and burial	<u>37.6</u>	<u>31.2</u>
Total	<u>266.6</u>	<u>213.8</u>

holdings of Federal debt are considered part of the debt held by the public rather than debt held by the Government.

The Thrift Savings Plan is a defined contribution plan for eligible employees covered under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS).

FERS employees may contribute up to 10 percent of base pay to the plan, which is matched by the Government up to 5 percent. CSRS employees may contribute up to 5 percent of base pay with no Government match. An individual's total annual contribution could not exceed \$9,500 in 1995.

The plan was started in April 1987 and as of September 30, 1995, the total invested was \$33.1 billion. Investments consist primarily of U.S. Government nonmarketable certificates of \$21.2 billion, which are included in "Federal debt held by public" in the Statement of Financial Position. In addition, \$9.9 billion and \$2.0 billion have been invested in the Common Stock Index and the Fixed Income Funds, respectively.

Military

The Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund was authorized in Public Law Number 98-94 for the accumulation of funds in order to finance liabilities of the Department of Defense under military retirement and survivor benefit programs. The fund provides retirement benefits for military personnel and their survivors.

Veterans' compensation and pension benefits

Veterans or their dependents receive compensation benefits if the veteran was disabled or died from military service-connected causes. War veterans or their dependents re-

ceive pension benefits, based on annual eligibility review, if the veterans were disabled or died from nonservice-connected causes. Certain pension benefits are subject to specific income limitations.

VA has a liability for benefits expected to be paid in future fiscal years to veterans and, if applicable, their survivors who have met or are expected to meet defined eligibility criteria. The liability of the Compensation and Pension Programs (C&P) is not currently funded, nor is there any intent to do so. Rather, payments for benefits that become due in a particular year are financed from that year's appropriation, in effect, on a pay-as-you-go basis. Payments of the liability as it becomes due rely on Congressional authorization of future tax revenues or other methods, such as public borrowing, for their financing.

The actuarial present value of the liability of C&P benefits as determined by VA on September 30, 1995 and 1994, is shown in the table above.

Compensation programs

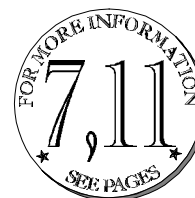
This amount represents the estimated future costs for injuries incurred to date for approved Federal Employees' Compensation Act cases and Black Lung cases.

Other pension programs

Other annual pension reports received from plans covered by Public Law Number 95-595 are reported in the same manner as those for military personnel and civilian employees (described earlier).

Other benefits

Other benefits consist of various items for which the Government is responsible, such as life insurance benefits for veterans and



Federal employees. VA insurance includes the following programs United States Government Life Insurance; National Service Life Insurance; Veterans Insurance and Indemnities; Veterans Special Life Insurance; Veterans Reopened Insurance; Service Disabled Veterans Insurance; and Servicemen's Group Life Insurance.

The Federal insurance program is the Federal Employees Government Life Insurance. These other benefits do not include the actuarial liability for the future costs of post-retirement health benefits for retirees.

Post employment benefits other than pensions

The Federal Government operates a pay-as-you-go system for health benefits for both civilian and military retirees. The actuarial estimates on retirees' health care costs are summarized below.

Civilian employees retiree health benefits

Generally, employees are eligible for post-retirement health benefits if they participated in the Program for the 5 years immediately preceding their retirement. As a condition of participation, retirees must make contributions toward their premiums, which, for the vast majority, are deducted directly from their monthly annuity payments. Contributions for future post-retirement health benefit premiums are required neither of active employees nor their employers.

The Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) has recommended standards for the calculation and reporting of a retirement health benefits obligation. These standards were promulgated in the Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards Number 5, (SFFAS No. 5), Accounting for Liabilities of the Federal Government, issued in December 1995.

When it is effective, the standard will require the use of the accrual method of accounting to recognize the cost of retirement health benefits over the active years of employee service. Upon the implementation of

SFFAS No. 5, the Program will recognize a retirement obligation (RO), which is the future cost of retirement benefits for future retirees relating to active service rendered up to the date of implementation. The Program plans to adopt the standard no later than fiscal 1997, as required by SFFAS No. 5.

In computing the Program's RO, an actuary will apply actuarial assumptions to historical health benefit cost information to estimate the future cost of retirement benefits for current and future retirees. This estimate will be adjusted for the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of having to pay (by means of decrements, such as those for death and withdrawal).

Although the standard has not yet been implemented by the Program, the initial (or transition) RO, has been calculated in accordance with methodology prescribed to be \$113.4 billion on October 1, 1994, and \$103.5 billion on October 1, 1993. [Note: Due to the time-frame under which these statements must be prepared and audited, all of the information needed to compute the RO as of the end of the year is not available. Therefore, the RO is presented as of the beginning of the year.] The program's RO expense in 1995 would be \$12.3 billion and \$11.6 billion for 1994, rather than the \$4.2 billion for 1995 and \$3.8 billion for 1994 recognized as contributions expense (deductions from plan assets) under current accounting practice. Based on this calculation, employing agencies would have been required to recognize a 1995 retirement health benefit expense of \$1,844 per enrolled employee for 1995 and \$1,839 for 1994.

In these calculations, an annual rate of increase in health benefits costs and a discount rate of 7.0 percent were assumed. Demographic assumptions are based on the experience of the Retirement Program, with adjustments based on recent Health Benefits Program trends and experience. For more information, see OPM's financial statements.

Military retiree health plans

Military retirees and their dependents are entitled to health care in military medical facilities.

Retiree health care costs as of September 30 Actuarial estimates (unfunded)

(In billions of dollars)	1995	1994
Military health programs	210.2	203.7
Federal Employees Health Benefits Program	113.4	103.5
Total unfunded retiree health care costs	<u>323.6</u>	<u>307.2</u>



Other liabilities as of September 30

(In billions of dollars)	1995	1994
Funds appropriated to the President	6.9	8.7
Departments		
Agriculture	10.5	10.9
Defense	1.1	5.3
Education	17.8	15.2
Energy	214.3	58.9
Health and Human Services ²	22.4	58.8
Housing and Urban Development	13.7	17.1
Labor	29.3	27.9
Treasury	34.9	22.6
Veterans Affairs	6.6	6.1
Other	68.0	20.4
Total	<u>425.5</u>	<u>251.9</u>

¹ Includes environmental cleanup cost of \$196.8 billion

² Includes SSA, which is now an independent agency.

ties if the facility can provide the needed care. Until they reach age 65, military retirees and their dependents also are entitled to health care financed by the Civilian Health and Medical Programs of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS). No premium is charged for CHAMPUS-financed care, but there are deductible and copayment requirements.

After they reach 65 years of age, military retirees are entitled to medicare. The Department of Defense costs for retiree health care include costs of buildings, equipment, education and training, staffing, operations, and maintenance of military medical treatment facilities. They also consist of claims paid by CHAMPUS and the administration of that program.

Costs are funded annually by direct appropriations in the year services are rendered (or, for CHAMPUS, billed). The cost of the 1994 CHAMPUS program was \$3.3 billion, which includes both the benefit cost and the program administration cost. The funded cost of CHAMPUS was \$3.3 billion. The estimate of the actuarial liability for military health programs for fiscal 1997 is \$210.2 billion.

11. Other liabilities

Other reported liabilities are summarized by agency in the

table above. Included in other liabilities are liabilities arising from loan guarantees, capital leases, and contingencies. They also include checks outstanding, the liabilities incurred from bank resolution and litigation losses, and other miscellaneous accrued liabilities.

12. Accumulated position

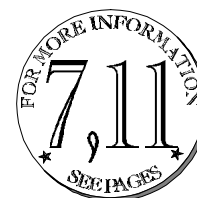
The accumulated position, as presented in the table below, represents the excess of liabilities over assets. It does not, however, reflect the range of the Government's resources, such as the sovereign power to tax, beyond the conventional assets.

Accumulated position as of September 30

(In billions of dollars)	1995	1994
Accumulated position at beginning of period	-4,006.2	-3,876.6
Prior period adjustment ¹	-196.8	
Current period results ²	-309.3	-129.6
Accumulated position at end of period	<u>-4,512.3</u>	<u>-4,006.2</u>

¹ In the past, the Department of Energy reported most of the environmental cleanup cost as "other contingencies". In fiscal 1995, the entire \$196.8 billion cleanup cost is reported as a liability.

² Includes Defense audit adjustments.



13. Leases

Federal agencies were first required to provide financial information about lease commitments in 1986. Agencies are attempting to accumulate the lease information required. The future aggregate minimum rental commitments for noncancelable capital and operating leases as of September 30, 1995, are detailed in the chart at right.

The majority of these lease commitments relate to buildings, equipment, and office space rental. The current portions of lease costs are included in accounts payable. The long term portion of capital leases is reported as "other liabilities."

Data for intragovernmental leasing transactions were not available at the time of publication.

14. Social Security and Medicare

A liability of \$33.0 billion for social security is recognized in "other liabilities" for any unpaid amounts due as of the reporting date. No liability is recognized for future payment not yet due.

The Congress and the trustees of the funds prepare actuarial estimates on an "open group" basis, a financing method they regard as appropriate for social insurance programs, namely, that future workers will be covered by the program as they enter the labor force.

The present values of all contributions and expenditures are computed on the basis of economic and demographic assumptions described as "Alternative II" in the "1995 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds." Alternative II is the "intermediate" set of assumptions, and represents the Trustees' "best estimates" of future economic and demographic conditions. In determining present values, total contributions and expenditures for the trust

Leases for fiscal 1996 and beyond

(In billions of dollars)	Operating leases	Capital leases
1996.	2.2	.2
1997.	1.9	.2
1998.	1.6	.1
1999.	1.4	.1
Thereafter	<u>6.1</u>	<u>1.6</u>
Total	<u>13.2</u>	<u>2.2</u>

funds are estimated for a period of 75 years into the future.

The actuarial amounts in the table below, prepared by the Social Security Administration, are calculated on the basis of the preceding assumptions.

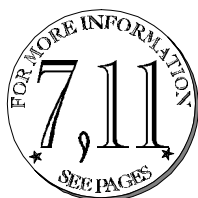
Medicare has total actuarial expenditures of \$3,403.5 billion for the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund (Part A), which is the present value of outlays projected between October 1, 1995, and September 30, 2020. This amount includes the present value of claims incurred to October 1, 1995, but unpaid as of that date and any administrative expenses related to those claims incurred by unpaid outlays. The Federal Hospital Insurance Program has a total deficit of \$1,049.4 billion.

The \$3.3 billion in Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund (Part B) liabilities represents the amount of unpaid benefits as of October 1, 1995, and the related administrative expenses. The Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Program has a total surplus of \$17.4 billion.

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services annually determines the amount to be paid by each Supplementary Medical Insurance enrollee and by the Department of the Treasury, under the authority of section 1839 of the Social Security Act.

Actuarial amounts as of September 30

(In billions of dollars)	1995	1994
Actuarial expenditures.	21,255.9	21,747.3
Actuarial contributions.	<u>18,423.2</u>	<u>18,909.2</u>
Actuarial surplus/deficit (-)	<u>-2,832.7</u>	<u>-2,838.1</u>



15. Commitments and contingencies

Commitments are long-term contracts entered into by the Federal Government, such as leases and undelivered orders, which represent obligations.

Contingencies involve uncertainty as to a possible loss to the Federal Government that will be resolved when one or more future events occur. Contingencies of the Federal Government include loan and credit guarantees, insurance, and unadjudicated claims.

In accordance with OMB Bulletin 94-01, "Form and Content of Agency Financial Statements", estimated losses for commitments and contingencies, namely, insurance, indemnity agreements, unadjudicated claims, and commitments to international institutions are reported if the amounts can be reasonably estimated and the losses are probable. OMB Bulletin 94-01 establishes guidelines for the reporting of liabilities for loan guarantees and capital leases.

OMB Bulletin 94-01 states that contingencies that do not meet all the conditions for liability recognition should be disclosed. The table on the following pages shows the face value of commitments and contingencies reported by Federal agencies. The amounts reported in the commitments and contingencies table are presented without regard to the probability of occurrence and without deduction for existing and contingent assets that might be available to offset potential losses.

"Long-term leases" includes both operating and capital leases. "Government loan and credit guarantees" includes guarantees in force as well as contracts to guarantee. "Insurance" includes insurance in force, contracts to insure, and indemnity agreements.

In 1993, the Congress approved the Resolution Trust Corporation Completion Act, which was signed into law by the President on December 17. The Completion Act provided for the release of up to \$18.3 billion of previously appropriated funds that had been returned to the Treasury in 1992, bringing the total funds provided for resolution costs of institutions coming under the control of the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) to \$105 billion.

The total amount of funds needed to cover losses of institutions coming under the control of the RTC cannot be fully determined until all of the RTC's assets and liabilities have been disposed of. The audited financial statements of the RTC for its final fiscal year (calendar year 1995) estimate the amount to be \$87.9 billion, however. If that estimate proves correct, covering RTC losses will not require \$17.1 billion of the \$18.3 billion made available by the Completion Act.

The total cost of protecting depositors in insolvent thrift institutions is subject to too many unknown factors to estimate. This point has gained emphasis from the July 1, 1996, decision of the United States Supreme Court in *United States versus Winstar Corporations*, affirming the ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit that, in changing supervisory goodwill accounting by statute (FIRREA), the United States became liable for damages for breach of contract.

The Department of Energy manages one of the largest environmental programs in the world. The primary focus of the program is to reduce health and safety risks from radioactive waste and contamination resulting from production, development and testing of nuclear weapons. The Department of Energy issued in fiscal 1995 its first annual Baseline Environmental Management Report (BEMR).

The estimate of the life-cycle costs for the environmental management program ranges from \$200 to \$350 billion in constant 1995 dollars. The estimate begins in fiscal 1995 and ends in approximately 2070, when environmental activities are projected to be substantially completed. In fiscal 1995, the Department of Energy recorded a liability of \$196.8 billion. For more information, see the Department of Energy's financial statements.

The Federal Government, in 1995, continued to be the Nation's largest source of credit and underwriter of risk. Large portions of all non-Federal credit outstanding have been assisted by Federal credit programs, Government-sponsored enterprises, or deposit insurance. In particular, most credit for housing, agriculture, and education is federally guaranteed.

For more information on commitments and contingencies, refer to the tables on the following pages.



Commitments and Contingencies of the United States Government for Years Ended September 30

(In billions of dollars)

Commitments	1995	1994
Long-term leases		
General Services Administration	11.7	9.7
Tennessee Valley Authority . . . . .	.5	.6
U.S. Postal Service	1.7	1.5
Other	<u>1.5</u>	<u>1.8</u>
Subtotal	<u>15.4</u>	<u>13.6</u>
Undelivered orders, public		
Defense ¹	94.8	52.6
Education	30.3	24.3
Health and Human Services	36.3	36.5
Housing and Urban Development	171.7	189.8
Transportation	17.6	16.4
Other	<u>71.9</u>	<u>65.4</u>
Subtotal	<u>422.6</u>	<u>385.0</u>
Total commitments	<u>438.0</u>	<u>398.6</u>

See footnotes on the following page.

Commitments and Contingencies, continued

(In billions of dollars)

Face value of contingencies	1995	1994
Insurance		
FDIC Bank Insurance Fund	1,915.3	1,887.6
FDIC Savings Association Insurance Fund	708.6	691.1
Federal Emergency Management Agency	325.8	267.1
National Credit Union Administration	255.6	255.5
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp.	853.0	950.0
Transportation ²	2.0	578.8
Veterans Affairs	504.9	523.2
Other	58.0	43.2
Subtotal	<u>4,623.2</u>	<u>5,196.5</u>
Government loan and credit guarantees		
Agriculture	15.5	15.6
Education	90.2	77.2
Export-Import Bank	28.9	29.2
Housing and Urban Development	438.3	408.2
Small Business Administration	28.3	24.4
Veterans Affairs	59.0	63.1
Other	24.7	21.0
Subtotal	<u>684.9</u>	<u>638.7</u>
Unadjudicated claims		
Health and Human Services	25.6	22.9
Transportation	30.0	30.0
Other	4.1	.6
Subtotal	<u>59.7</u>	<u>53.5</u>
Other contingencies		
Defense	26.8	24.0
Energy ³	-	180.0
Housing and Urban Development	11.9	19.4
Multilateral Development Banks	6.5	6.5
Other	6.5	6.8
Subtotal	<u>51.7</u>	<u>236.7</u>
Total contingencies	<u><u>5,419.5</u></u>	<u><u>6,125.4</u></u>

¹ Includes Army, Air Force and Defense agencies. Reporting is more complete.

² Decrease is due to more appropriate disclosure.

³ Decrease is due to recognition as a liability.